

II. Remarks

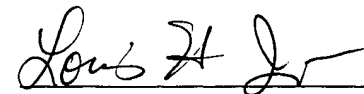
Claims 1-80 were pending in the Application. Claim 6 has been amended. Claims 1-80 remain pending in the Application.

Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment to the Specification be entered into the record. Applicants have provided the Application Serial Numbers for the priority claims, which were unknown at the time of filing the instant application.

Applicants also respectfully request that the Amendment to claim 6 be entered into the record. Applicants have written out an acronym that appears in the Specification in claim 6, and thereafter. "GUID" is defined, for example, in the 2nd paragraph of p. 73. No new matter has been introduced into claim 6 through this amendment, and no change in the scope of the claim is intended or foreseeable.

Should any questions arise as to the entry or material in this Preliminary Amendment, a telephone call is requested.

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REVISIONS MADE TO THE SPECIFICATION AND THE CLAIMS

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This Application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. [] 09/852,372, entitled, "Secure Execution Box and Method," filed on May 10, 2001, whose inventors are Dale E. Gulick and Geoffrey S. Strongin. This Application is also a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. [] 09/852,942 entitled, "Computer System Architecture for Enhanced Security and Manageability," filed on May 10, 2001, whose inventors are Geoffrey S. Strongin and Dale E. Gulick.

6. (Amended) The biometric device of claim 5 further configured with a globally unique identifier (GUID), wherein the biometric device is further configured to encrypt the biometric data using the GUID, the secret, and the nonce.